

**Subpart 35.35—Cargo Handling****§ 35.35-1 Persons on duty—TB/ALL.**

(a) On each tankship required to be documented under the laws of the United States, the owner, managing operator, master, and person in charge of the vessel, and each of them, shall ensure that—

(1) Enough “Tankerman-PICs” or restricted “Tankerman-PICs”, and “Tankerman-Assistants”, authorized for the classification of cargo carried, are on duty to safely transfer liquid cargo in bulk or safely clean cargo tanks; and

(2) Each transfer of liquid cargo in bulk and each cleaning of a cargo tank is supervised by a person qualified to be the person in charge of the transfer or the cleaning under subpart C of 33 CFR part 155.

(b) On each United States tank barge subject to inspection—

(1) The owner, managing operator, master, and person in charge of the vessel, and each of them, shall ensure that no transfer of liquid cargo in bulk or cleaning of a cargo tank takes place unless under the supervision of a qualified person designated as the person in charge of the transfer or the cleaning under subpart C of 33 CFR part 155; and

(2) The person designated as the person in charge of the transfer shall ensure that—

(i) Enough qualified personnel are on duty to safely transfer liquid cargo in bulk or safely clean cargo tanks; and

(ii) The approved portable extinguishers required by Table 34.50-10(a) of this chapter are aboard and readily available before any transfer of liquid cargo in bulk or any operation of barge machinery or boilers.

(c) On each foreign tankship, the owner, managing operator, master, and person in charge of the vessel, and each of them, shall ensure that—

(1) Enough personnel, qualified for the classification of cargo carried, are on duty to safely transfer liquid cargo in bulk or safely clean cargo tanks; and

(2) Each transfer of liquid cargo in bulk and each cleaning of a cargo tank is supervised by a qualified person designated as a person in charge of the transfer or the cleaning under subpart C of 33 CFR part 155.

(d) On each foreign tank barge—

(1) The owner, managing operator, master, and person in charge of the vessel, and each of them, shall ensure that no transfer of liquid cargo in bulk or cleaning of a cargo tank takes place unless under the supervision of a qualified person designated as the person in charge of the transfer or the cleaning under subpart C of 33 CFR part 155.

(2) The person designated as the person in charge of the transfer shall ensure that enough qualified personnel are on duty to safely transfer liquid cargo in bulk or safely clean cargo tanks.

(e) The person in charge of the transfer of liquid cargo in bulk on the tank vessel shall be responsible for the safe loading and discharge of the liquid cargo in bulk.

(f) The person in charge of the transfer of liquid cargo in bulk on each United States tank vessel, when lightering to or from a foreign tank vessel, shall ensure that the person in charge on the foreign tank vessel, or his or her interpreter, is capable of reading, speaking, and understanding the English language well enough to allow a safe transfer.

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**§ 35.35-5 Electric bonding—TB/ALL.**

A tank vessel may be electrically connected to the shore piping, through which the cargo is to be transferred, prior to the connecting of a cargo hose. This electrical connection, if made, shall be maintained until after the cargo hose has been disconnected, and any spillage has been removed.

[CGFR 65-50, 30 FR 16704, Dec. 30, 1965, as amended by CGFR 66-33, 31 FR 15268, Dec. 6, 1966]

**§ 35.35-10 Closing of freeing-ports, scuppers, and sea valves—TB/ALL.**

The person in charge of each transfer of liquid cargo in bulk shall ensure that all freeing-ports and scuppers are properly plugged during the transfer except on tank vessels using water for cooling decks. Although under no circumstances may sea valves be secured by locks, the valves must be closed, and lashed or sealed, to indicate that

they should not be opened during the transfer.

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**§ 35.35-15 Connecting for cargo transfer—TB/ALL.**

(a) Movement of the vessel must be considered to insure safe cargo transfer. Suitable material must be used in joints and in couplings to insure that connections are tight. A bolted flanged coupling must not have less than four bolts, under any circumstances.

(b) When cargo connections are supported by ship's tackle, the person in charge of the transfer of liquid cargo in bulk shall determine the weights involved to ensure that adequate tackle is used.

(c) Pans or buckets shall be placed under cargo hose connections on the tank vessel.

[CGFR 65-50, 30 FR 16704, Dec. 30, 1965, as amended by CGD 80-009, 48 FR 36459, Aug. 11, 1983; CGD 79-116, 60 FR 17156, Apr. 4, 1995]

**§ 35.35-20 Inspection before transfer of cargo—TB/ALL.**

Before the transfer of liquid cargo in bulk, the person in charge of the transfer shall inspect the vessel to ensure the following:

(a) Warnings are displayed as required.

(b) No repair work in way of cargo spaces is being carried on without his permission.

(c) Cargo connections have been made as described in § 35.35-15 and cargo valves are set.

(d) All cargo connections have been made to the vessel's pipeline, and not through an open end hose led through a hatch.

(e) In loading Grades A, B, and C cargoes, there are no fires or open flames present on the deck, or in any compartment which is located on, facing, open, and adjacent to that part of the deck on which cargo connections have been made.

(f) The shore terminal or the other tank vessel concerned has reported itself in readiness for transfer of cargo.

(g) All sea valves connected to the cargo piping system are closed.

(h) In loading Grades A, B, and C cargoes, that an inspection has been made

to determine whether boiler fires can be maintained with reasonable safety.

(i) In loading Grades A, B, and C cargoes, that an inspection has been made to determine whether galley fires can be maintained with reasonable safety.

(j) In loading Grades A, B, or C cargoes, that an inspection has been made to determine whether smoking may be permitted with reasonable safety in areas other than the weather deck.

(k) On tankships the construction or conversion of which is started on or after July 1, 1951, which are to load or discharge Grade A cargo, all openings in the top of the tanks, except the branch vent lines and covers to ullage hole sounding pipes, are tightly closed. (See §§ 32.20-20 and 32.55-20 of this subchapter.)

(l) On tankships the construction or conversion of which is started on or after July 1, 1951, which are to load or discharge Grade A cargo, the method for determining the liquid level in the tank without opening ullage holes, cargo hatches or Butterworth plates is in proper order. (See § 32.20-20 of this subchapter.)

(m) When a transfer operation includes collection of cargo vapor from a vessel's cargo tanks through a vapor control system not located on the vessel:

(1) Each part of the vapor collection system is aligned to allow vapor to flow to a facility vapor control system, or if lightering, to the other vessel;

(2) Vapor collection hoses or arms are connected to the vessel vapor collection connection;

(3) The electrical insulation requirements of 33 CFR 154.810(g) or § 39.40-3(c) of this subchapter are provided between the vessel vapor connection and the facility or service vessel vapor connection;

(4) The maximum cargo transfer rate is determined in accordance with § 39.30-1(d) of this subchapter;

(5) The maximum and minimum operating pressures at the facility vapor connection, or vessel vapor connection if lightering, are determined;

(6) The overfill control system on a tank barge, if fitted in accordance with § 39.20-9(b) of this subchapter, is connected to the facility, tested and operating properly;